



# JACK DOYLE

## MONROE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

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### **COUNTY HELPS SECURE \$3.5 MILLION IN STATE FUNDS FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

***Funding will Assist Disabled, Seniors, Families, and Homeless***

Monroe County Executive Jack Doyle today announced that Monroe County helped secure state funding for four affordable housing developments in the towns of Gates, Irondequoit, Clarkson, and the City of Rochester. The \$3.5 million in state grants, low interest loans, and tax credits will support efforts by private developers to construct affordable rental housing for seniors, the developmentally disabled, families, and homeless women with children.

"These awards will help citizens in our community who are in need of affordable housing," said Jack Doyle. "These are great projects and by working closely with the private sector, we were able to secure a significant amount of state assistance that will create jobs as well as affordable housing opportunities in our community."

Monroe County officials worked closely with private developers to submit proposals to New York State. Monroe County will also provide funding support for the projects, using federal money it receives from its participation in the federal Home Investment Partnerships (HOME) program.

Doyle praised Governor Pataki for his leadership on the issue, noting, "Governor Pataki made it a priority in his administration to increase affordable housing opportunities. Once again, Governor Pataki has delivered on his promises and demonstrated his commitment to the citizens of Monroe County."

The projects that will receive state funding include:

- St. Andrews Apartments, a Providence Housing development for the developmentally disabled in Gates (receiving \$890,670 in state assistance and \$100,000 in county HOME funding);
- A senior development in the Town of Irondequoit being developed by Rural Housing Opportunities (receiving \$2,268,885 in state assistance and \$400,000 in county HOME funding);

- Seldon Square II, apartments for families in the Town of Clarkson (receiving \$289,234 in state assistance and \$520,000 in County HOME funding);
- Apartments on Portland Avenue in the City of Rochester and the Town of Irondequoit that will provide housing for formerly homeless women with children (receiving \$55,926 in state assistance and \$50,000 in County HOME funding).

Monroe County will use the federal money it receives from the Home Investment Partnership (HOME) program to support these projects. The County is obligated to spend federal grant and HOME program funding on affordable housing opportunities and cannot use the funds for other purposes. County Executive Doyle also announced that the County will provide \$200,000 in County HOME funding in support of an effort by Lifetime Assistance to develop apartments in the Town of Greece for the developmentally disabled.

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